

MYAL SMITH

BOSTON-- MAY 21--(INS)--GENERAL WALTER BEDELL SMITH -61-FORMER AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA-TODAY WAS RESTING COMFORTABLY AT MASSACHUSETTS EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY FOLLOWING A DELICATE EYE OPERATION-WHICH MAY SAVE THE SIGHT OF HIS RIGHT EYE.

THE OPERATION TO SEAL A TINY PERFORATION IN THE RETINAL TISSUE WAS PERFORMED BY DR. CHARLES L. SCHEPENS - WHO SAID RESULTS OF THE SURGERY WILL NOT BE KNOWN FOR A WEEK.

THE RETIRED GENERAL SERVED AS CHIEF OF STAFF TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER - WHEN THE LATTER COMMANDED ALLIED FORCES IN EUROPE DURING WORLD WAR II. LATER - SMITH DIRECTED THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND WAS UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE.

HE NOW HEADS AMF ATOMICS - INC. - OF WASHINGTON.

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